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FOR AMB. PICKERING, OES

DOE FOR DR. JOHN M. DEUTCH

DEPT PASS TO NSF FOR DR. PIMENTEL; WHITE HOUSE OSTP FOR
MR. HUBERMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TECH, ENRG, JA
SUBJECT: GOJ CABINET DISCUSSES FUNDING OF FUKUDA
S&T INITIATIVE

1. JAPANESE PRESS AND KYODO WIRE SERVICE REPORTED OVER
WEEKEND THAT GOJ DECIDED 9/8 TO TAKE NECESSARY
FINANCIAL STEPS TO CARRY OUT U.S./JAPAN JOINT PROGRAM FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES. DECISION WAS SAID TO
HAVE BEEN MADE AT CABINET MEETING, DURING WHICH EDUCATION
MINISTER SUNADA--ACTING AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF STA IN
ABSENCE OF KUMAGAI--REPORTED THAT JAPANESE SIDE HAD
FAILED TO PROMISE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO U.S. SIDE BECAUSE
OF LACK OF PREPARATION. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ABE
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REPORTED TO CABINET THAT TWO SIDES HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
TO COOPERATION BUT SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT SMOOTH
BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL QUESTION--LEADING TO DISSATISFACTION
ON U.S. SIDE. ABE IS SAID TO HAVE PROMISED THAT GOJ WOULD
MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. WHEN EMBASSY ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ITS VIEW ON

SIGNIFICANCE OF REPORTS, MOFA OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT THEY MEANT ESSENTIALLY NOTHING. LABORIOUS PROCESS OF OBTAINING BUDGET ALLOCATION FROM FINANCE MINISTRY WAS STILL NECESSARY (AS EMBASSY EXPLAINED TO U.S. DEL DURING STAY HERE). MOFA OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT FINANCE MINISTRY WAS THINKING OF APPROVING 10 PER CENT GOJ SHARE IN SRC-II (OR ABOUT \$70 MILLION) INSTEAD OF 25 PER CENT SHARE SUGGESTED BY U.S. PRESUMABLY THIS WAS TO MAKE GOJ INVESTMENT IN COAL CONVERSION ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS OR SOMEWHAT LESS THAN GOJ FUNDING FOR COOPERATION IN FUSION. MANSFIELD

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